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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Beals, John M. et al. )  
For : Erythropoietic Compounds )  
Docket No. : X-12553 )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231  
Sir:

**In the Specification**

Please add the following paragraph on the first page of the Specification immediately following the title:

This Application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/110289 filed November 30, 1998 and PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US99/27801 filed November 23, 1999.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1 through 32 and add the following new claims: